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CHARTERED BY THE CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1993
BCGEU OFFICE - KELOWNA, B. C.

AFFILIATES PRESENT:

BCGEU, CEIU, CUPE, CWA, HRCEBU, IAFF, IWA, OTEU, TWU, UFCW

VISITORS:

David Levy, WOF
Lyle MacWilliam, MP
Darshan Lindsay, CKIQ

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Val Beckett at 7:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S/C to adopt the agenda as circulated.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

M/S/C to adopt minutes as sent out and circulated.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

M/S/C as circulated.

GUESTS:

1. David Levy spoke to us regarding the make-up and directions of the Working Opportunities Fund.
2. Lyle MacWilliam thanked us for the donation from last June. Elections are run on donations and volunteer help.

Two videos were shown at this point of the meeting: Elections, Child Care.

Scott Koch read a letter from Bryan McIver who was also scheduled to be at the meeting, but he had an all-candidates forum to attend. Bryan asked for donations and volunteers to help with the campaign.

M/S/C that the NOLC contribute \$1000 to the campaigns of Bryan McIver and Lyle MacWilliam.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Discussions regarding Maloney Steel. 14th week on strike. Negotiations not proceeding well.

M/S/C to receive and file correspondence.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

Report from BC Fed Executive Board and Labour Council Officers' meetings will be given at the next meeting.

REPORTS OF LOCAL UNIONS:

CUPE 338 - S. Brown:

Hired an organizer to organize small companies.

HRCEBU 40 - D. Stroschein:

Union Club on Kingsway, east of Metrotown Mall, "Blue Button Club".

OTEU 15 - B. Mitchell:

Organized Vernon bus services. Three cases going before either the Labour Board or Revenue Board.

IAFF 1517 - B. Brett:

Thanked Val for her letter to Mayor McGrath. Strike vote taken - 95%. Employer wants to eliminate firefighters in Vernon. If final offer is not accepted they will be locked out. Would like letters to be sent to Council, admonishing them for their actions.

IAFF 1517 - J. Gilroy:

Don't deal with or support the businesses owned by Councillors in Vernon who are out to break and destroy unions, one of which is R.M. Maintenance Window Cleaning.

M/S/C that the NOLC write letters to the businesses owned by Vernon Council, stating we will not support them and their business.

CEIU 20972 - K. Abramsen:

With the current federal election, members of PSAC are in the unique position of being able to work towards electing our employer. The Tories have not been a good employer -- we were legislated back to work during our last strike; our clerical staff won a pay equity agreement only to have a small portion of it ever received; decreases in staff and increases in workload have resulted in increased stress and reduction in service to the public. And more....

Personally, I was nominated by the BC Federation of Labour to sit on the BC Ministries Advisory Committee on Affordable Housing.. This Committee is made up of 15 - 20 individuals with diverse backgrounds, vets new initiatives through the BC Housing Commissions (as recommended by the province-wide public forums on affordable housing. The Committee has yet to meet. If anyone has any questions, or would like more information, please contact me at 763-1181 (w) or 868-9605 (h).

Fall Labour School - sponsored by the SOLC (Penticton) this time. The registration forms were mailed with the September minutes. PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THEM. These seminars are an excellent opportunity to meet new brothers and sisters, to share union issues and concerns, and learn valuable skills often not available elsewhere. Please register early to help ensure your course preference gets enough interested delegates.

United Way - 1993 campaign in process. One donation that assists 23 organizations in Kelowna.

CUPE 523 - R. Lang:

Union Label Week - display in Village Green Mall. Biggest problem was lack of material from CLC National Office. Thanks to the regional CLC Rep for shipping the supplies he could. There was a suggestion to have a booth at next year's IPE in Armstrong. Thanks to CUPE 626 and HEU in Vernon for their help in organizing and staffing the Union Label Week booth.

Our next meeting is October 23, 1993, at which time we will have elections.

CUPE 523 - P. Doucette:

Attended a meeting of CUPE - BC to discuss the provisions of the Korbin Commission Report on Kindergarten to Grade 12. Areas of concern are (i) whether bargaining will be provincial or regional, (ii) amalgamation to school districts. These concerns will have major ramifications to CUPE members.

Another area that was discussed was Child Care in schools. Money is coming from the Ministry of Women's Equality. One little wrinkle -- the Minister could not understand that these jobs should belong to CUPE and not a society.

CWA 226 - P. Bulmer:

Communication Workers of America are having a referendum by mail in October/November to see if Canadian members want to leave CWA and join the Communication, Energy and Paperworkers' Union. CWA is American-based and CEP are a Canadian union only.

Carpenters 1346 - R. Hartwig:

Okanagan floorlayers have organized. 70 members have signed up and their Business Rep is Dennis Roth. The floorlayers have applied for and received a charter from the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. They are Local 1702 and are now in negotiations.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Community Health Board:

M/S/C that the table officers of the NOLC select appointees to sit on the Health Boards.

Municipal Elections:

M/S/C that the NOLC Executive interview all candidates before any endorsement was made to support them. See attachment.

M/S/C December meeting be moved to December 8, 1993, in Kelowna.

Video - Grant Mine.

GOOD & WELFARE:

NDP - needs help with phoning, leaflets. Please volunteer your services.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
PAULINE DOUCETTE
Secretary-Treasurer
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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1993
CUPE 626 OFFICE - 2101 - 43 AVENUE, VERNON
(MAP ATTACHED)